Scott Tosses Shutout in 9-0 Win

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Matt Scott allowed just three hits and struck out three in tossing a complete-game shutout, as Middle Tennessee salvaged the final game of the series, 9-0, Sunday at Reese Smith Field. Scott (3-0) tossed just 98 pitches in going the route for the first time in his career and the first nine-inning complete game for a Middle Tennessee pitcher since John Williams on May 4, 2004, at New Orleans. The Blue Raiders gave Scott an early lead with four runs in the first. That was more than enough for the sophomore righthander, who hit three batters and faced the minimum in seven of the nine innings. Jeff Beachum, Nate Jaggers and Chase Eakes all had two hits apiece, while Jaggers, Eakes and Marcus Taylor all drove in a pair of runs. The Blue Raiders (7-5) got off to another good start, scoring four runs in the first on five hits and the aid of two JSU (6-8) errors. Eric McNamee, Beachum and Jaggers all singled to start the inning, and Taylor's ground ball scored a run for a 2-0 lead. A bad pickoff throw moved Taylor to third, and he scored on Michael McKenry's single down the leftfield line. Eakes plated the final run of the inning with a double to rightcenter, chasing JSU starter Tony Drinkard after just one-third of an inning. Drinkard (0-2) suffered the loss, allowing four runs on five hits with one walk. A solo homer from Jaggers, his fourth of the season, made it 5-0 in the second. Chris LeGuenec led off the fourth with a walk and scored on a two-out infield single by Beachum before Taylor's single through the right side plated Beachum later in the frame for a 7-0 advantage. Middle Tennessee added two more runs in the seventh, the first on an RBI single from Eakes and the last on a bases-loaded walk to McNamee. Middle Tennessee hosts Southern Illinois Tuesday and Wednesday at 3 p.m. to finish off the current five-game homestand.

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